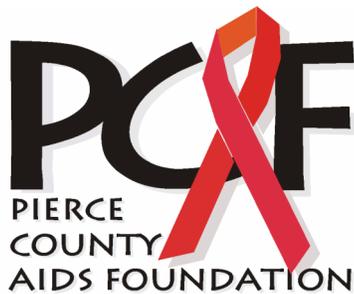




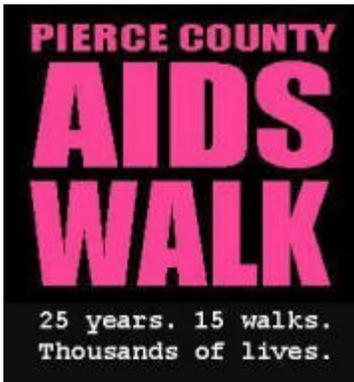
TOGETHER

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RELOCATION: We have no firm news to report on the process of PCAF moving out of the Old City Hall Building in downtown Tacoma. New owners have begun plans to renovate the building to condominiums, but we do not have a plan for vacating the building at this time. We will be certain to keep you informed of our plans when they are developed. If you have questions, call Jeannie at 383-2565.



Saturday, September 9
University of Washington Tacoma
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

2006 marks the 25th anniversary of the first reported cases of AIDS in the U.S. and the 15th year that Pierce County has walked in response.

Walk recipients:

Pierce County AIDS Foundation
Community Health Care
Point Defiance AIDS Projects
AIDS Housing Association – Tacoma

Online registration is open!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

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The 15th anniversary Pierce County AIDS Walk, the Pierce County AIDS Foundation's signature annual event, is less than five weeks away and we want you to join us!

STAFF CHANGES:

1. **Nancy Ryan**, the Deputy Director of PCAF and staff member for over 13 years, has announced her retirement. She is maintaining a weekly schedule at PCAF until we are successful in locating someone to take over the duties of the position. Nancy first came to PCAF in 1993 as the coordinator of the Pierce County AIDS Walk. She's helping to put the finishing touches on the 15th annual Walk and looking forward to a rewarding retirement. Hats off to you, Nancy Ryan! We'll miss you! See position announcement later in this newsletter.
2. **Seth Kirby**, the Oasis program coordinator for the last several years and a PCAF employee for many more, has taken a new position with the State of Washington Human Rights Commission as part of the staff team implementing the state's anti-discrimination law. You know that the Legislature passed HB 2661, expanding the law to include sexual orientation as a protected class. It's exciting that "one of our own" has taken on this important work. Good luck, Seth! **Rae Thomas** has just joined the staff as the new Oasis Coordinator; Rae is from Olympia and has worked with Stonewall Youth.
3. **Sarah Durkee**, who recently served as the PCAF Volunteer Coordinator, had a long and interesting career with PCAF before resigning to become a full-time student in Seattle. Sarah was an APEX and Oasis youth in high school, and went on to be an AmeriCORPS educator, the first coordinator for the BUST program at Oasis, and the Volunteer Coordinator. She received an award as the Region V Educator of the Year. We already miss Sarah's spirit around the place, and know she'll never stop being an AIDS educator. See position announcement.
4. **Jozie Greenmyer**, former Program Assistant at PCAF is back on the job for two months to coordinate work relating to the Pierce County AIDS Walk. Jozie is fully employed at another job, but has taken a leave of absence to come back to PCAF and help out. Thanks, Jozie!!
5. **Mo Lewis**, a former Oasis youth, has joined the staff at the Oasis program as the part-time Program Assistant.
6. **Serenity Wise**, a former work study student, has been hired to staff a new program working with young women of color who have previously had a sexually transmitted disease.



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS: Call (253) 383-2565 for job description(s) and application form or visit www.PierceCountyAIDS.org. Send cover letter, detailed resume, and completed application form to 625 Commerce Street, Suite 10, Tacoma, WA 98402.

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Reports to Executive Director and serves as Acting Executive Director during Legislative sessions. Directs the Marketing, Advocacy and Development Department. Required: Degree in relevant field and two years demonstrated success in fund development and special events. Non-profit management and marketing experience as well as understanding of HIV/AIDS issues required. Full-time; \$52,000 starting salary, liberal benefits. Closes soon!

2. VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Reports to Deputy Director. Position involves both volunteer coordination and some administrative support for senior management. Full-time; \$27,400 starting salary, liberal benefits. Closes soon!



THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A FREE LUNCH!: Health and human services providers are invited to attend an educational luncheon presentation at PCAF on Thursday, August 24th on **Hepatitis C and HIV Co-infection**. Call Amber Whitcher at (253) 383-2565 or send her an email at amberw@piercecounyaids.org if you would like to attend. Before you call or write, visit the Vin Grotto website at www.vingrotto.com to make your sandwich selection. The presentation is sponsored by Abbott Laboratories.

PCAF WEBSITE INFORMATION: Visit <http://www.PierceCountyAIDS.org>

AIDS HOUSING ASSOCIATION

PROJECT OPEN DOOR: AHAT and PCAF are successfully engaged in teamwork and collaboration for POD. The agencies have established a leadership team that meets twice monthly, held a mutual retreat with all of the players and continue to develop and implement policies responsive to the needs of the residents and their neighbors. Hats off to all the staff working with their eight clients who have been formerly challenged by chronic homelessness and HIV disease.



FREE HEPATITIS A & B SHOTS are offered at the Health Department on Tuesdays from 1 - 4pm to the following: Men who have sex with men and their partners; sex workers and their partners and injection users and their partners.



BOARD OF HEALTH: The monthly meetings of the Board of Health are normally held at the TPCHD on the first Wednesday of every month at 3 pm (3629 South D Street, in the Auditorium). Next meeting: September 7th. Meeting minutes, agendas, and copies of proposed ordinance changes are found online at <http://www.tpchd.org/page.php?id=46>



HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING AND NEEDLE EXCHANGE HOURS:
(Code: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = M, T, W, TH, F)

Confidential and free:

M, T, F – Tacoma Urban League (2250 So. Yakima), 8am-5pm
M, T, W, TH, F – Health Department (3629 So. D), 8:30am – noon (except Tuesday, when they are open from 11-noon in the morning); 1:30 – 4pm (all weekdays)
M, W, TH, F – Community Health Care Downtown Clinic (1102 South I), 8-noon; 1-4:30pm
T – Community Health Care Downtown Clinic (1102 South I), 10:30-noon and 1-7pm

Confidential:

M, T, W, TH, F – Planned Parenthood (779-3900 or 445-7440)
TH – Teen Clinic Puyallup, 2 – 5pm
M, T, W, TH, F - All Community Health Care Clinics, 8am – 5pm
M, T, W, TH, F – PLU Wellness Clinic (also some weekend, evening hours)
T – Teen Clinic at PLU (535-7354), 2 – 5pm
Also: Allen Renaissance Incorporated; call 722-5080 for appointment

Anonymous:

TH - Pierce County AIDS Foundation (625 Commerce Street, Suite 10), 9-11:30am

Needle Exchange:

M, T, W, TH, F – Health Department, 8:30am – noon (except Tuesday, when they are open from 11-noon in the morning); 1:30 – 4pm (all weekdays)

The Health Department also supports HIV Counseling and Testing programs utilizing Orasure offered by the Tacoma Urban League and the Pierce County AIDS Foundation.

TPCHD WEBSITE INFORMATION: Visit <http://www.tpchd.org>



10TH ANNUAL REACH CAMP:

REACH Ministries is still accepting applications for volunteers for its 10th annual REACH **Camp, Aug 30-Sept 4, 2006**, for children affected by HIV/AIDS and their families. If you are able to volunteer for all or part of camp, help with donations or drive families to and from camp, please call Abby at 383-7616 or email aisaacson@reachministries.org. We are planning a huge celebration for our 10th year!

NEW STAFF:
REACH would also like to welcome two new staff to our team: **Kirsten Mix**, Office Administrator, and **Amy Salins**, Director of Progressive Units (year-round psychosocial education and case management). They are a great addition to our work!



Suzie Slonaker, Executive Director



WASHINGTON RESPONDS TO AIDS: Be sure to visit the Washington State Department of Health website for the latest edition of Washington Responds to AIDS. The November 2005 edition is currently online at: http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/HIV_AIDS/Prev_Edu/wsr/WSR_Default.htm.

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